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For: ESTERIFICATION PRODUCT AND
COSMETICS

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116

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Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated March 25, 2008, finally rejecting claims 1-9, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 3 of this paper.

REMARKS

Status of the Claims

Claims 10 and 11 are currently pending in the application. Claims 1-9 stand rejected. Claims 1-9 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. New claims 10 and 11 have been added. No new matter has been added by way of the present amendments. Specifically, new claim 10 is supported by the specification at, for instance, Formulation Example 3 at pages 16-17, page 4, lines 6-12, page 5, lines 8-9, and page 8, lines 2-3. Additionally, no new issues are presented by way of the present submission. For instance, claims 10 and 11 find support in previously pending and examined claims 1-4 and 6. In the event that the present submission does not place the application into condition for allowance, entry thereof is respectfully requested as placing the application into a better form for appeal. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b)

Claims 1-3 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Tomokazu et al., JP 08/217723 (hereinafter referred to as "Tomokazu et al."). (*See*, Office Action of March 25, 2008, at pages 2-3, hereinafter, "Office Action"). It is noted that although the Office Action only rejections claims 1-3 at page 2, it is presumed that the Examiner actually meant to reject all of the pending claims 1-9, since the Office Action Summary states that all pending claims are rejected. Clarification is requested in the next communication from the Office. Claims 1-3 have been cancelled herein without prejudice or disclaimer, thus obviating the present rejection. However, in an effort to be fully responsive to the Office Action, Applicants provide the

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1-9. (Canceled)

10. (New) A lipstick comprising a fatty acid ester of polyglycerol,
wherein the polyglycerol has an average degree of polymerization of from 6 to 15 based
on the hydroxyl value thereof,
wherein the fatty acid is at least one branched fatty acid selected from branched fatty
acids having 8 to 22 carbon atoms,
wherein said fatty acid ester of polyglycerol has a degree of esterification of from 60% to
90%, and
wherein said fatty acid ester of polyglycerol is formulated in a lipstick.

11. (New) The lipstick according to claim 1, wherein the fatty acid ester of polyglycerol
has an acid value of 3.0 or less.